

esprit orchestra

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la joie

Sunday, February 11.07

Alex Pauk • conductor

Patricia Green • soprano

George Benjamin (UK)

Petar-Kressimir Klanac (Canada)

Philip Cashian (UK)

Joseph Schwantner (US)

Upon Silence

La joie éclatante

Chamber Concerto

Aftertones of Infinity

8 pm concert / 7:15 pm pre-concert talk

Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts

27 Front Street East

With the performance of *Chamber Concerto*, Esprit introduces the music of English composer Philip Cashian to Toronto. His music is even more rarely heard in North America than that of his highly regarded countryman George Benjamin. Patricia Green makes a long-anticipated appearance in Benjamin's *Upon Silence* in which he sets *Long-legged Fly*, a late poem of Yeats which portrays three momentous figures in history absorbed in silent contemplation: Julius Caesar planning a crucial military campaign; Helen of Troy as an adolescent in Sparta and Michelangelo painting the Sistine Chapel.

Also by way of introduction, the concert presents the music of Klanac in advance of the World Premiere of his Esprit-commissioned work in May. By way of a reprise, we perform a work of Schwantner which had a magical effect on audiences in Esprit's early years.

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